Human Services Council Meeting July 20, 2015, 7:30 PM MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	Present	Carol Ann Hawn	Present
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	Present	Myra Herbert	Absent
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	Absent	William Kogler	Present
Steven Bloom	Present	Rev. LaVerne McCain Gill	Absent
Jeff Dannick	Present	Stephanie Mensh	Excused
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	Absent	Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje	Present
Jack Dobbyn	Absent	Dr. Sergio Rimola	Present
Robert Faherty	Excused	Adrienne Stokes	Present
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	Present	Henry Wulf	Present
Robert Gaudian	Absent		
Staff:			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			Present
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			Present
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			Present
Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			Present

Guests and County Staff: Robert Easley, Nannette Bowler, Rosalyn Foroobar, Kurt Creager, Lee Ann Pender, Michele Menapace, Chris Leonard, Claudia Arko, Tom Bash, George Becerra, Heather Davies

Welcome and Overview – Kevin Bell opened the meeting.

Lines of Business (LOBs) Review – Chris Leonard presented on the Lines of Business (LOBs) exercise. Chris is the Chair of the LOBs committee, which is a cross-system group created to design and support the LOBs process.

The committee also includes staff from the Board of Supervisors. Chris noted that the County Executive does not envision this as a budget-cutting exercise. More than 400 LOBs have been submitted and approximately 150 of those are related to human services.

While there is an increase in the number of LOBs since the last LOBs exercise was conducted in 2008, it is not an indication of a 30% increase in programming. There was direction to be discrete when identifying a LOB. Having a more discrete inventory of programs and services provides ability for better analysis. The County Vision Elements were also used to frame this process. The scale has been developed to help prioritize LOBs as they demonstrate connection or support for one or more vision elements. Much emphasis has been placed on describing the value of each LOB and the benefits of the services provided. All agencies within the county have been working on this effort.

Chris responded to questions from the Council. Questions that were asked related to the involvement of Fairfax County Public School System, the utilization of LOB information at the end of the exercise, and other information that would be used to support the process. Chris noted that the school system has been invited to participate in the conversation, but the full extent of their participation is still being discussed. Chris stressed once again that the information captured through the LOBs process is not to supplement a budgeting cutting exercise. This work and the resulting information will help to facilitate a conversation with the Board of Supervisors about the work the county should be in the

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business of doing. A specific question was asked about the involvement of Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs). As the process is currently outlined, it does not require any submission of information from these groups.

Human Services Legislative Issue Paper – Claudia Arko, the county's Legislative Director, discussed the Human Services Legislative Issue Paper that was adopted last December. It provides insight on legislative topics for which the Board has concern. A draft for 2016 will be made public on the web in early October. When the draft is available, Michelle Gregory will circulate a copy for the Council to review.

Human Services Council Planning – Michelle Gregory presented the draft list of Council activities and agenda items for the FY 2015/2016 cycle. The Council reviewed the document and made adjustments to the sequencing of events. The Council also requested efforts to increase time with the Board of Supervisors outside of the annual budget process. Steve Bloom highlighted the need for Council members to meet with their respective Supervisors early in the budget cycle. He agreed to take the lead again to share talking points that could be used to support the individual meetings.

In reference to the overall planning cycle and related activities, Pat Harrison also talked about regular district meetings that could support information sharing and local coordination across various BACs.

Council Officers – Col. Barnwell reported out for the nominating committee and presented a slate of nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair. He opened the floor for additional nominations. No additional nominations were made. Kevin Bell and Jerry Poje were nominated respectively for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Human Services Council.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the June 15, 2015, meeting were approved. The Council acknowledged that some members of the Council have been absent for consecutive meetings. Chairman Bell asked that excessive absences be reported to the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

Announcements – Michele Menapace announced that a food drive was being conducted on behalf of Food for Others. It was also announced that Michele would become the new Lee District Human Services Council appointee through Supervisor McKay's office.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.